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for John Aikin upwards of six Years agoe & no Patent sued out for the same the Petitioner having proved his Allegations It is Ordered that a Patent be granted him for the said Land.

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# **REVOLUTIONARY ARMY ORDERS** **For the Main Army under Washington. 1778-1779**

(From Originals in the Collection of the Virginia Historical Society.)

(CONTINUED.)

Head Quarters May 14, 1778.

Brigadier to Morrow Waine.

F. O. Colo<sup>1</sup> Shepard<sup>1</sup> & L<sup>1</sup> Carlton<sup>2</sup>.

Brig<sup>e</sup> Major Banister.

Inspector from the 1 Pennsylvania Brig.

The Troops are in future to be exempted from exercise every Fryday afternoon which time is allowed them for washing their linen & bathing.

The Sergeants who Conduct the Squads to bathe are to be particularly Carefull that no man remain longer than ten Minutes in the water, & Commanding Officers of Regiments are to Order two windows at least to be made in each Hutt—as the 2 N. Carolina Levenstons & Angles<sup>3</sup> Reg<sup>s</sup> ars Sickly the Commanding Officers of those Regiments will apply for Tents to remove their men from their Hutts.

At a Brig<sup>e</sup> Court Martial in the Artillery May 9, 1778, whereof Colonel Proctor<sup>4</sup> was President Capt. F—— Proctor<sup>5</sup> Tried

<sup>1</sup> Probably Col. William Shepard of Massachusetts.

<sup>2</sup> Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Carlton of Massachusetts.

<sup>3</sup> Colonel Israel Angell, 2d Rhode Island regiment.

<sup>4</sup> Col. Thomas Proctor of Pennsylvania.

<sup>5</sup> Captain Francis Proctor of Pennsylvania, who had been dismissed from the service on April 14th, 1775, and reinstated. Heitman gives his present dismissal as on April 14, 1778.

for scandalous & infamous behaviour unbecoming the Character of a Gentleman and a Officer, also for breaking his arrest & threatning the life of Capt. Rice<sup>6</sup> in an unGentlemanlike manner in different Companies, acquitted of the Charge of breaking his arrest but found Guilty of Scandalous behaviour unbecoming the Gentleman & Officer being breaches of the 21 Article 14 Section of the Articles of War & Sentanc<sup>d</sup> to be discharged the Service. The Commander in Chief approves the Sentance & Orders it to take place immediately.

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> C. Martial whereof Col<sup>o</sup> Febeger was President May 5th, 78, L<sup>t</sup> Carter<sup>7</sup> of Colonel Baylors<sup>8</sup> Regiment of light dragoons Tryed for neglect of duty in leaving the different Roads unguarded from Barron Hill Church to Philadelphia by which means the Enemy advanced a body of Horse & foot to the said Church and Surprised and made Prisoners of a sub. & his Party who had returned to the Church for refreshment, after mature deliberation the Court are unanimously of opinion that L<sup>t</sup> Carter is Guilty of the Charge exhibited against him, being a breach of 5 Article 18 Section of the Articles of war but that he must have misunderstood the orders given him by Capt. McClaine<sup>9</sup> which exceedingly mitigates his neglect of duty and Sentance him to be reprimanded in Gen<sup>l</sup> Orders, the Commander in Chief approves the Sentance and discharges L<sup>t</sup> Carter from his arrest and orders him to repair to his Regiment, he hopes he will in future pay very Strict attention to Orders of his Commanding Officer as he must plainly see the ill effects that have arrisen from misapprehention.

	C	S	S	C	P
Detail for Guard . . .	-	-	1.	-	6
In Guards . . . . .	-	-	-	1.	10
Fatigue . . . . .	1.	1.	1.	-	16
Q <sup>o</sup> Guard . . . . .	-	-	-	1.	6
	1.	1.	2.	2.	38

<sup>6</sup> Probably Joseph Rice of Pennsylvania, Captain 1st Continental Artillery.

<sup>7</sup> John Hill Carter of Virginia, Lieutenant 3rd Continental Dragoons.

<sup>8</sup> George Baylor of Virginia, Colonel 3rd Continental Dragoons.

<sup>9</sup> Probably Capt. Allen McLane of Delaware.

Head Quarters May 15, 1778.

Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> to morrow Poor F. O. Colonel Butler & L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Darbin, Brig<sup>e</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> Haskell.

Inspector from the 2<sup>d</sup> Pennsylvania Brigade General McIntosh being appointed to a separte Command & requiring a little time to prepair for it Colonel Clark<sup>10</sup> is to take immediate Command of the North Carolina Brigade and discharge the several duties of Colonel Commedant till further orders except administering the Oath to the Officers agreeable to former Orders which Gen<sup>l</sup> McIntosh is Continued to do while he Stays in Camp.

James McHanrey<sup>11</sup> is appointed assistant Secretary to the Commander in Chief and is to be obeyed and respected accordingly. The Court of Inquiry whereof General Varnom was President Report that alltho the illconveniences suffered in Colonel Green's Regim<sup>t</sup> would naturally prompt him to request an inquiry, yet Col<sup>l</sup> Steward has acquitted himself with propriety being no way Contributory theirto—The Proportion of paper will be delivered to the several Brigades to morrow. No Suttler or Soldier are to give any Rum or Spirituous Liquors to Indians on any pretence whatever a beach of this order will be immediately and severely punished.

	S	S	C	P
for Guard. . . . .	—	—	1.	6
In Guards. . . . .	—	—	1.	10
Fatigue. . . . .	1.	1.	0.	16
Quarter Guard. . . . .	—	—	1.	6
	1.	1.	3,	38

Head Quarters May 16, 1778.

Brigadier to Morrow Varnom.

F. O. Colonel Becker & Major Shepard.

Brig<sup>e</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> Seely.

Inspector from Poor's Brigade.

<sup>10</sup> Col. Thomas Clark of N. C.

<sup>11</sup> Secretary of War 1796-1800.

A most pernicious practice has in many Instances prevailed of Officers leaving Camp either upon Furlough or what is Still worse to Quit the Service takin with them Soldiers in the capacity of Servants this abuse so detrimental to the Army and so injurious to the Publick is positively forbid in future and Commanding Officers of Regiments are enjoined to prevent its being practiced on any pretence what ever this to be Considered as a Standing and invariable Order.

It is not improbable that the army may soon find it necessary to make a suden and rapid movement the Commander in Chief Reminds the officers of the Order of the 27 of last March respecting Baggage if their should be any that should have been inatentive to it they must abide the consequences of it as it is determined that no hindrance to the motions of the army will be suffered to happen on account of an incumbrance which ought to have been removed—As the hot Season advances the time of exercise will be an Hour sooner than heretofore. The whole Army will therefore be under arms at 5 O'Clock precisely. The Inspectors and Brig<sup>a</sup> Majors will regulate their watches agreeable to the Clock at head Quarters.

Honours due from the Guards to the General & other Officers of the Army to be observed in future.

1st Guards Commanded by Commissioned Officers are for the Commander in Chief to Parade and Present Arms the Officers Saluting and drums beating but as in Camp before the Enemy it woud not allways be proper to anounce the Presence of the Commander in Chief his Excellency therefore Orders that the drums do not beat—2ndly for Major Gen<sup>l</sup> & Generals and field Officers of the day the Guards Present Arms—3d for Brigadier Generals thay Parade with handled Arms—4thly for the Adjutant General and Inspectors of Divisions the same—5thly Guards Comm<sup>d</sup> by N. C. Officers Present Arms for the Commander in Chief Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Brig<sup>r</sup> Generals, field Officers of the day Adjutant General—Inspectors of Divisions field Officers of their Own Regiment & Inspector of their own Brigade, Centinalls Present arms for all General Officers field Officers of the day Adjutant General and Inspectors of Divisions & the Centinalls in Camp likewise to the field Officers of their own

Regiment—The Guards of the Commander in Chief pay no honours but to him, the Guards of Maj<sup>r</sup> Generals pay no Honour but to the Commander in Chief & the General to whom they are on Guard—Guards of Brig<sup>r</sup> General pay no honour but to the Commander in Chief to Major Generals and the Brig<sup>r</sup> to whom they are on Guard, when a Guard Parades they must be formed in two Ranks agreeable to the Instructions already given for the formation of Troops. The Officers to the Right of the front Rank a sergeant Covering him in the same manner as formed for the Charge the drums to the Right of the officer and the Centinal to the Right of the drums a little advanced, their must be no singal Man the Centinall will give the time the Officer facing to the left gives the word Present Arms and with the last motion faces again to the front, facing again Commands Shoulder &c., keeping to the Right of his Guard when occation may Require—N. B. the last Article Respects only the Guards in Camp in time of war—In Garrison or in time of Peace—The Guards Parade at open Order and the Officer advances four paces before the Center when it happens that a Gen<sup>l</sup> or field Officer of the day passes a Guard during the time they are Releiving both Guards pay the honours before mentioned without altering their Position tho they shoud pass behind either of the Guards. When a Battilion or Detachment pass before a Guard they must Carry Arms & beat a march & if the Batt<sup>a</sup> or Detachment has Colours the Officer Salutes them—When a body of Men without Arms even if they are Country Men if their numbers are equal or Stronger than the Guard the Centinal shoud alarm the Guard & the Guard turn out till they have passed—When a Guard in Marching to its Post or in Returning meat a General or Field Officer they shoud Carry arms & Continue their March—When a Single Soldier with arms meats any Officer he should halt, Frunt & Carry Arms till the Officer has Passed. When two Guards or detachments meats they should both Carry Arms and incline to the Right to make room for each other to pass.

	S.	S.	C.	P.
Detail for Guard . . .	—	2.	1.	6

In Guards . . . . .	-	-	1.	10
Quarter Guard . . . . .	-	-	1.	6
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	-	2.	3.	22
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Head Quarters Valley Forge May 17, 1778.

Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> Muhlenburg

F. O. L<sup>t</sup> Colonel Harney<sup>12</sup> & Major Campbell.

Brig<sup>e</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> Marshall.

The Commanding Officers of Regiments & Corps are to make an exact Return to morrow at 10 O'Clock at head Quarters of the arms deficient in their Respective Corps. The Commissary of Military Stores is also to make a Return the 21st Instant of all the arms received from and delivered to the Army from the 1 November last Specifying the particular Corps and the number Received from and delivered to each. The Commanding Officer of Regiments & Corps are expressly directed to Call in by the 1st June all Soldiers belonging to their several Corps who are now distributed in the several Departments of the Staff in the Quality of Servants and to prevent any others in future beeing made use of in the same manner.

	C.	S.	S.	C.	P.
In Guards . . . . .	-	-	1.	1.	10
for Guard . . . . .	-	1.	1.	0.	6
Command Parade at 5 O'Clock	1.	2.	2.	1.	48
Quarter Guard. . . . .	-	-	-	1.	6
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	1.	3.	4.	3.	70
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Head Quarters May 18, 1778.

Brigadier to Morrow Patterson.

F. O. L<sup>t</sup> Colonel Crupper<sup>13</sup> & Maj<sup>r</sup> Conway<sup>14</sup>.

Brig<sup>e</sup> Major Marvin<sup>15</sup>.

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<sup>12</sup> Lieutenant Colonel Selby Harney of North Carolina.

<sup>13</sup> Lieutenant Colonel John Copper of Virginia.

<sup>14</sup> Probably Major John Conway of New Jersey.

<sup>15</sup> Probably Elihu Marvin of Connecticut.

Inspector from Learnard's Brigade.

The Commander in Chief has the pleasure to inform the Army that the Honorable Congress have bin pleased to Come to the following Resolution: In Congress May 15, 1777, Resolved unanimously that all Military Officers Commissioned by Congress who now are or hereafter may be in the Service of the United States and shall Continue therein during the war and shall not hold any office of Provit under these States or any one of them shall after the Conclusion of the war be entitled to receive annually for the term of Seven Years if they live so long one half the present Pay of such Officer. Provided that no General Officer of the Cavalry Artillery or Infantry shall be entitled to Receive more than the one half part of the Pay of a Colonel of such Corps respectively and Provided that this Resolution shall not extend to any Officer in the Service of the United States unless he shall have taken a Oath of Alegiance to and shall actually reside in some one of these United States. Resolved unanimously that every Non Commissioned Military Officer and Soldier who have enlisted and shall enlist in the Service of these States for and during the War and shall Continue therein to the end thereof shall be entitled to Receive the further Reward of 80 Dollars at the Conclusion of the War.

The whole Army are desired to prepar in the best manner possible for a suden and immediate movement<sup>16</sup>.

	S	S	C	P
for Guard . . .	-	1.	-	6
Command . . .	1.	1.	-	2
In Guards . . .	-	-	1.	10
Quarter Guards . .	-	-	1.	6
	—	—	—	—
	1.	2.	2.	24

<sup>16</sup> This probably refers to the possibility that it might be necessary for the whole army to go to the rescue of Lafayette, who with 2,000 men was posted at Barren Hill some eight or ten miles in front of Valley Forge, and who was threatened by a force of 5,000 English troops under General Grant. This order shows how prompt and accurate was Washington's information from Philadelphia. Grant's movement was to begin on the 19th, and was intended to surprise the Americans.



## Head Quarters May 19, 1778

Brigadier General to morrow Waine F. O. Colonel Green & Lt. Col. Ballard<sup>17</sup> Brigl. Major Minnis.

Inspector from Patterson's Brigade.

The Commanding Officer of Regiments are to make returns to the Q. M. General of Tents absolutely wanting in each for such men as cannot be accomidated Consistent with their health and Comfort in Hutts—It will be Relyed on in these Returns that none will make a larger demand than the real cituation of their Respective Regiments requires—The Q. M. General will make Issues on these Returns. The Sub and Brigade Inspectors Majors of Brigades & Adjutants of the Army will assemble at the Baron Stuben's Quarters at 10 O'clock tomorrow morning precisely—their they will Receive perticular Orders.

At a G. C. M. whereof Colonel Bowmam was President May 13. 78, John Rynolds an Artificer in Majr. Pollards<sup>18</sup> Corps, Tryed for Stryking Lt. Hammett found Guilty of the Charge & Sentanced to Receive 100 Lashes. The Commander in Chief approves the Sentance and is to be in execution to morrow morning at Guard Mounting on the Grand Parade. Samuel Ramond at the same Court Tryed for presenting a loaded Muskett at Lt. Hammet<sup>19</sup> upon due Consideration the Court are of opinion that Saml. Ramond is Guilty of the Charge exhibited against him—but the extreem & unpardonable warmth with which the Officer Conducted himself renders the action of the Prisoner in some Measure excuseable & operates with the Court so much in his favour that they only Sentance him to be reprimanded by his Commanding Officer in presence of the Troops to which he belongs—Also John Coffin Tryed for abusing Captain Gowerly<sup>20</sup> when attempting to surpress a Riott the other side Schuyllkill found not Guilty and acquitted—The General approves the two last mentioned Sentances & Orders them to take place immediately.

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<sup>17</sup>Lt. Col. Robert Ballard of Virginia.

<sup>18</sup>Heitman states that Benjamin Pollard of Pa., was Captain in an artificer regiment.

<sup>19</sup>Probably Lt. John Hammit of N. J.

<sup>20</sup>Captain Thomas Gourley of Pa.

After General Orders May 19 1778, 3 Captains 6 Subs 6 Sergeants & 187 Rank and file to Parade to morrow morning 5 O'Clock in front of late Conways Brigade where an Engineer will attend to show the work. Colonel Febeger will oversee the whole and see that the Men are properly Supplied with Tools from the Quarter Master General, they will work from 5 to 10 in the morning and 3 to 7 in the afternoon.

	S	S	C	P
Detail for Guard . . .	1.	1.	0.	6
Command . . .	—	—	1.	9
In Guards . . .	—	—	—	10
	—	—	—	—
	1.	1.	1.	25

Head Quarters May 20 1778

Brigadier to morrow Maxwell  
F. O. Colonel Chaimbers<sup>21</sup> & Majr. Winslow<sup>22</sup>  
Brige. Major Claybourn<sup>23</sup>  
Inspector from Weldons Brige.

	S	C	P
Detail for Guard . . .	1.	—	6
Weeks Command . . .	—	1.	9
In Guards . . .	—	1.	10
	—	—	—
	1.	2.	25

Head Quarters May 21 1778

Brigadier Genl. to morrow.  
F. O. Colonel Read & Major Moor Brige.  
Major McComack.<sup>24</sup>  
Inspector from Muhlenburgs Brigade.

The Inspectors &c are to attend at Baron Stubens Quarters to morrow at the hour appointed in the Orders of the 19th Instant if their is any Person in the Army who understands making

<sup>21</sup>Col. James Chambers of Pa.

<sup>22</sup>Major Nathaniel Winslow of Mass.

<sup>23</sup>Captain Buller Claiborne of Va.

<sup>24</sup>Probably Capt. George McCormick of Va.

thin Paper such as Bank notes are Struck upon, they are desired to apply immediately at the Orderly Office where they will be shown a sample of the Paper. Officers Commanding Regiments are to publish this in Regimental Orders—Mr. Vowles<sup>25</sup> Adj. of the 7 Virginia Regiment is appointed to do duty of Brigade Major in General Woodfords Brigade till further Orders.

At a General Court Martial May 15 whereof Colonel Bowman was President. Captain Cleveland of Colonel Jackson's Regiment Tried for behaving in an un Officerlike manner in Refusing to do a Tour of duty when duly notified, found not Guilty & acquitted with honour. Tho Captain Cleveland ought not to have been warned for duty when Returned Sick, Yet the General cannot applaud the Spirit in which acquitted him in Refusing obedience to positive Orders and declining a Tour of duty of such a kind as might in all appearance be easily performed by Captain Cleveland in his Circumstances. Capt. Cleveland is Released from his Arrest, At a Brig<sup>d</sup> Court Martial May 18, 1778, L<sup>t</sup> Colonel Crupper Presidant Capt. Edward Hull<sup>26</sup> of the 15 Virginia Regiment Tried for Gameing when he ought to have been on the Parade the 17th Inst found Guilty of Gameing but acquitted of non attendance upon the Parade and Sentanced to be reprimanded by the Commanding Officer of the Brigade in presence of ali the Officers thereof. At the same Court L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Lewis<sup>27</sup> of the same Regiment Tried upon a similar Charge and found Guilty & Sentanced the same as Captain Hull. The Commander in Chief however unwilling to decent from the Judgment of Court Martial is obliged utterly to disprove the Sentance the punishment being in his opinion utterly inadequate to the offence. A practice so pernicious in its Self as that of Gaming so prejudicial to Good Order and Military discipline so Contrary to positive and repeated General Orders when Carried to so inormous a hight—as it appears an

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<sup>25</sup>Henry Vowles of Va.

<sup>26</sup>Edward Hull was Captain 15th Virginia Regiment and retired September 14, 1778.

<sup>27</sup>Thomas Lewis served as Lieutenant until February 12, 1781, when he retired. Afterwards, from 1792 to 1801 he was a Captain United States Army.

aggravated Certainty in the Case of L<sup>t</sup> Lewis by additional offence of no trifeling Military Consequences—absent from Parade—demanded a much severer penalty than a simple Repremand. Capt. Hull & L<sup>t</sup> Lewis are Released from their arrests.

	S.	C.	P.
Detail for Guard . . . .	1.	0.	7
Command . . . .	1.	1.	2
In Guards . . . .	1.	1.	8
Quarter Guard . . . .	—	1.	6
	3.	3.	23

Head Quarters May 22 1778.

Brigadier to Morrow Scott.

F. O. Colonel Brown & Maj<sup>r</sup> Hopkins<sup>28</sup>.

Brigade Major Berryan<sup>29</sup>.

Inspector from Conway's Brigade.

The Auditor's Office is Removed to James Floyds within a Mile and half of the Paymaster Generals. At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Martial whereof Major Bowman was Presidant May 16-78 L<sup>t</sup> Addison<sup>30</sup> of the German Battilion Tryed for behaving in a manner unbecome an Officer and Gentleman in abusing Colonel Nicksons<sup>31</sup> Family unanimously found Guilty and Sentanced to be discharged from the Service—approved and Ordered to take place immediately. At a Brig<sup>e</sup> Court Martial May 18, Major Wallace<sup>32</sup> Presidant L<sup>t</sup> Marks<sup>33</sup> of the 11 Virginia Regiment Tryed for not attending the Parade of the 13th Instant unanimously acquitted with honour—likewise L<sup>t</sup> William Powell<sup>34</sup> Tryed upon the same Charge and acquitted in the

<sup>28</sup> Major Samuel Hopkins of Virginia.

<sup>29</sup> Probably John Berien, then of the North Carolina Brigade; but earlier, Lieutenant in the 1st Georgia.

<sup>30</sup> Lieutenant John Addison of Maryland.

<sup>31</sup> Col. Thomas Nixon of Massachusetts.

<sup>32</sup> Major Gustavus B. Wallace of Virginia.

<sup>33</sup> Lieutenant Isaiah Marks.

<sup>34</sup> The only William Powell in Heitman is a lieutenant in the 11th Virginia, who, the compiler states, resigned July 10, 1777. He probably re entered the service.

like manner. The General observes that sickness or indisposition is certainly a sufficient excuse for not attending the Parade, but it ought to be an established Rule to signify it either in person or wrighting thro the Adjutant to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment to which the Officer Concerned belongs, these Gentlemen in not doing this were deficient in the line of regularity and propriety—hereafter the excuse shall not be admitted, unless this shall be observed, unless where any very perticular Circumstances Renders the observance impracticable which can rarely happen.

	S.	S.	C.	P.
For Guard . . .	—	1.	0.	7
In Guards . . .	—	—	1.	8
Fatigue . . .	1.	1.	0.	16
Quarter Guard . .	—	—	1.	6
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	1.	2.	2.	37

Head Quarters May 23 1778.

Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> to morrow Patterson.

F. O. Colonel Dayton<sup>85</sup> & L<sup>t</sup> Colonel Sherman.

Brigade Major Stagg<sup>86</sup>.

Inspector from Huntingtons Brigade.

Till further arraignements of the Army is made Maj<sup>r</sup> General Lee is to take Charge of the Division lately Commanded by Major General Green and in Case of action or any General movement of the Army the Three eldest Major Generals present fit for duty are to Command the two Wings & Second Line according to their Seniority. The Commanding Officers of Regim<sup>ts</sup> and Corps will immediately apply for Orders upon the Commissary Military Stores for all the Arms and accoutrements wanting to Complete their Men. The Quarter Masters of Brigades will also make out Returns and apply for Orders for ammunition to Complete each man to 40 Rounds and two Flints.

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<sup>85</sup> Col. Elias Dayton of New Jersey.

<sup>86</sup> John Stagg of New York.

All Officers are Called upon to see that their mens arms and accoutriments are put in the best Order possible, they will likewise take perticular Care that their men have wooden drivers fixed in their pieces at the hours of exercise to prevent an unnecessary waist of Flints—they are not to be absent from Camp on any Pretence whatever but be in actual Readyness to march at a moments warning.

	S	S.	C.	P.
Detail for Guard . . .	I.	—	I.	7
Command . . . . .	—	—	—	2
In Guards . . . . .	—	I.	I.	8
Quarter Guard . . .	—	—	I.	6
	I.	I.	3.	23

B. O. May 24 1778

A Return to be immediately given in to the Brige. Quarter Master by each Regiment of the number of napsacks Bayonetts & Canteens wanting to Complete their respective Regiments who will immediately apply for them.

Rich'd Parker Colonel.

G. O. Head Quarters May 24 1778

Brigadier General to morrow Wayne.

Field Officers Colonel Patton<sup>87</sup> & Major Sumner.

Brigade Major Banister.

Inspector from Varnoms Brigade.

The General Court Martial whereof Colonel Bowman was Presidant is dissolved another is Ordered to set to morrow morning at 9 O'Clock to try all such Prisoners as shall be brought before them Colonel Chaimbers will Preside—each Brigade gives a Captain for the Court all Persons concerned to attend at a Brigade Court Martial May 22 78 Lt. Colonel Cropper President Lt. Davis<sup>88</sup> of the 11th Virginia Regiment Tried for encouraging a soldier to stay away from his Regiment for refusing when the Soldier was sent for by a Guard to let him go to his

<sup>87</sup>Col. John Patton of N. C.

<sup>88</sup>Thomas Davis, who died during 1778.

Regiment and for speaking disrespectfully of the Officer who sent the Guard for the Soldier a second time, upon mature deliberation the Court are of opinion he is not Guilty of Speaking disrespectfully of the officer who sent the Guard for Sergeant Davis tho of opinion that his detaining the Sergeant was unwarrantable but considering that his error seems to have arose from what he thought was doing his duty do acquit him—Lt. Davis is ordered to be released from his Arrest.

	S	S	C	P
Detail for Guard . . .	—	1.	0.	9
Command . . .	—	—	—	2
In Guards . . .	—	1.	1.	8
Quarter Guard . . .	—	—	1.	6
	—	—	—	—
		2.	2.	25

Head Quarters May 25 1778

Brigadier Genl. to morrow Muhlenburg.

F. O. Colonel Swift<sup>39</sup> & Colonel Hoobley<sup>40</sup>

Brigade Major Haskell.

Inspector from McIntoshes.

The Regimental Surgeons will apply to the Flying Hospital Store for Hoggs lard and Sulphur they are to make Returns more punctual on Mondays—Several Guns, Packs & Cartridge Boxes belonging to some Soldier in the Army are left at the Orderly office—The Muster Master General & Commissary of Prisoners will move their Quarters to Mr. Evans house half a mile North of Sullivans Bridge by Perkeomin Creek.

The Regimental Paymasters are to giv in their Abstracts to the Paymaster General immediately for examination for the Month of April—Proceedings of a General Court Martial May 1st 78 Colonel Febeger President. Lt. Adams<sup>41</sup> of the 10th Pensylvania Regiment Tryed for unGentlemanlike behaviour in propagating a Report that an officer of the 10th Pensa. Regimt. had behaved Cowardly at the action of German Town & when

<sup>39</sup>Col. Herman Swift of Conn.

<sup>40</sup>Lt. Col. Adam Hubley of Pa.

<sup>41</sup>Lieutenant Francis Adams.

desired by Colonel Hoobly to name the Officer for refusing to do it in an unbecomeing manner unanimously found Guilty of the Charge being a breach of the 21 Article 14 Section of the Articles of War and Sentanced to be discharged from the Service. His Excellency the Commander in Chief approves the Sentence and Orders it to take Place immediately.

	S	C	P
Detail for Guard . . .	1.	1.	8
In Guard . . .	—	1.	8
Quarter Guard . . .	—	1.	6
	—	—	—
	1.	3.	22

Head Quarters May 26 1778.

Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> to morrow Poor.

F. O. Colonel Grason<sup>42</sup> & L<sup>t</sup> Colonel Wisingfield<sup>43</sup> Brigade Major Sonard.

For Detachment Maj<sup>r</sup> Gaskins<sup>44</sup>. Inspector from Gen<sup>l</sup> Woodford's Brig<sup>e</sup>.

The Commander in Chief perceiving that the Regimental Returns mutually differ in number of Sick Absent from the Hospital Reports notwithstanding these were lodged with the Adjutant General that the Regimental Returns might be rectified and adjusted by them, he Calls upon the Commanning Officers of Regiments to make Returns to morrow to the Adj<sup>t</sup> General specefyng the number of all their Sick Absent & where they are and the time when they was sent to them that the difference abovementioned may be satisfactorily accounted for, in doing this the Strictest account is to be paid to the Hospital Reports.

The Independent Corps Commanded by Captain Scaylen are immediately to bury the Offell Carran [offal and carrion] near the Black Bull. The Commissary General of the Staff will in future apply to the Commanding Officer of that Corps for a

<sup>42</sup> Col. Wm. Grayson of Virginia.

<sup>43</sup> Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Weisenfels of New York.

<sup>44</sup> Thomas Gaskins of Virginia.



party to burry the offell near his Stall—a sub Serjeant Corporal & 8 Men with the Comm' from each Brigade are to be sent immediately in the vecinity of their respective Brigades to seize the Liquors that they may find in the unlicenced tippling houses. The Commissaries will give Receipts for the Liquors they shall Ceize and notify to the Inhabitants or persons living in the vicinity of Camp, that an unconditional Ceize will be made of all Liquors thay shall presume to sell in future.

A Flagg will go into Philadelphia tomorrow.

	C	S	S	C	P
Detail for Guard . .	I.	-	I.	I.	6
Weeks Command . .	-	I.	-	I.	11
In Guards . . . .	-	-	-	I.	7
Quarter Guard . .	-	-	-	I.	6
	I.	I.	I.	4.	30

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### OFFICERS OF VOLUNTEER COMPANIES AT WILLIAMSBURG, TO THE CONVENTION.<sup>1</sup>

July 26, 1775.

[Printed; but without the signatures, in the Gilmer Papers, Virginia Historical Collections, Vol. VI, pp. 98, 99.]

<sup>1</sup> The volunteers of the Colony, fresh from civil life, were disposed to take the initiative in many ways improper for soldiers. This is shown by several communications from the officers at Williamsburg to the Conventions. In this case the letter here referred to was laid before the Convention on the 27th, was immediately considered in committee of the whole, and it was resolved that the proceedings of the officers, though they arose from the best motives, could not be approved, and that they be required to desist from carrying their plans into execution.